

(Rev. 01/21) Complaint for Violation of Civil Rights (Prisoner)



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of New York

RYAN J. LAWS, PROSE

Case No.

22-cv-6287 CJS

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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L.T. Henker, WCT

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.)

JURY TRIAL: Yes No

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

(Prisoner Complaint)

NOTICE

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Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,

RYAN J. LAWS, PROSE Counsel,
P.O. BOX 427, Lyons NY 14489

v.

L.T. HESTER, WAYNE COUNTY JAIL
P.O. Box 427 Lyons NY 14489

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

I'M FILING THIS COMPLAINT AGAINST L.T.
HESTER FOR VIOLATING MY RIGHTS AGAINST
CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT FOR MAKING
ME LAY IN TOILET WATER AND SUBSEQUENTLY
RETALIATING AGAINST ME BY LOCKING ME IN
MY CELL FOR 3 HOURS FOR NO REASON.

ON JANUARY 11, 2022, L.T. HESTER
REPORTED TO MY CELL AFTER IT WAS REPORTED

THAT MY CELL TOILET FLOODED, LEAVING AN INCH OR TWO OF WATER ON THE CELL FLOOR, I WAS GIVEN A DIRECT ORDER BY L.T HENKEL TO LAY DOWN, FACE FIRST IN THE TOILET WATER AS HE RAINED HIS TAZER GUN AT ME. NOT WANTING TO BE ELECTROCUTED I DID AS I WAS TOLD LAYING IN FLOATING FECES AND URINE. L.T HENKEL ENTERED MY CELL LAID HIS KNEES ON ME AND CUTTED ME, WHERE I WAS PLACED IN THE RESTRAINT CHAIR FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

NOW AFTER READING MY GRIEVANCES TO ALBANY L.T HENKEL HAS RETALIATED BY LOCKING ME IN MY CELL FOR 3 HOURS ON JUNE, 24, 22 FROM NOON TIL 3PM FOR NO JUST CAUSE.

I Demand A JURY TRIAL WHERE I WILL
SEEK 75,000 IN DAMAGES AS I HAVE BEEN
REPEATEDLY SUBJECTTED TO RETALIATION. AFTER
BEING SUBJECTTED TO TOILET WATER I BELIEVE
I CAUGHT THE COVID 19 VIRUS AND POSSIBLY
HEPATITIS.

I Decline under penalty of
perjury the above statement is
true and correct.

Deigned:
Raj/22

6/25/22

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I. The Parties to This Complaint**A. The Plaintiff(s)**

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name

All other names by which
you have been known:

ID Number

Current Institution

Address

RYAN J. LAWS, PROSE

WAYNE COUNTY JAIL

P.O. Box 467

Lyons

City

N.Y

State

14889

Zip Code

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (*if known*) and check whether you are bringing this complaint against them in their individual capacity or official capacity, or both. Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name

Job or Title (*if known*)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

L.T. HENLER

L.T.

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT

Lyons

City

NY

State

14889

Zip Code

 Individual capacity Official capacity

Defendant No. 2

Name

Job or Title (*if known*)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

City

State

Zip Code

 Individual capacity Official capacity

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Defendant No. 3

Name _____

Job or Title (*if known*) _____

Shield Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

 Individual capacity Official capacity

Defendant No. 4

Name _____

Job or Title (*if known*) _____

Shield Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

 Individual capacity Official capacity

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” Under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

A. Are you bringing suit against (*check all that apply*): Federal officials (a *Bivens* claim) State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)

B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the “deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws].” 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

8th Amendment Cruel + unusual Punishment

C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?

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- D. Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under *Bivens*, explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.

Violated 8th Amendment Right 1983

III. Prisoner Status

Indicate whether you are a prisoner or other confined person as follows (*check all that apply*):

- Pretrial detainee
- Civilly committed detainee
- Immigration detainee
- Convicted and sentenced state prisoner
- Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner
- Other (*explain*) _____

IV. Statement of Claim

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

- A. If the events giving rise to your claim arose outside an institution, describe where and when they arose.
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- B. If the events giving rise to your claim arose in an institution, describe where and when they arose.

Facedown in Toilet water cell 9 B-pod

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- C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?

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- D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?)

WAS ORDERED TO LAY FACE DOWN IN TOILET
WATER BY LT. HENKIN, NOW RETALIATION DUE
TO COMPLAINTS BY LOCKING ME IN UNLAWFULLY
ALSO RESTRAINT CHAIR.

V. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

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VI. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

I WANT PUNITIVE DAMAGES AS WELL AS
COMPENSATORY \$5,000, EACH.

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VII. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Administrative Procedures

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

Yes

No

If yes, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s).

WCJ, Filed GRIEVANCES

B. Does the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

Yes

No

Do not know

C. Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?

Yes

No

Do not know

If yes, which claim(s)?

Monetary Damages

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- D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

Yes

No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

Yes

No

- E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance?

WCJ

2. What did you claim in your grievance?

unlawful Detainment, cruel unusual punishment

3. What was the result, if any?

obviously They Don't Do anything over

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)

yes Albany or Nothing

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F. If you did not file a grievance:

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here:

I Filed a grievance But They don't Do nothing

2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any:

SEVERAL Co's witnessed events

G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.

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(Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.)

VIII. Previous Lawsuits

The “three strikes rule” bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has “on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

To the best of your knowledge, have you had a case dismissed based on this “three strikes rule”?

Yes

No

If yes, state which court dismissed your case, when this occurred, and attach a copy of the order if possible.

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- A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

 Yes No

- B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (*If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.*)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s)

NA

Defendant(s)

2. Court (*if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State*)
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3. Docket or index number
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4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

NP

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit
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6. Is the case still pending?

 Yes No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition.

NA

7. What was the result of the case? (*For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?*)
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IX. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing:

6/25/22

Signature of Plaintiff

Ryan J. L.

Printed Name of Plaintiff

RYAN J. LANS

Prison Identification #

10374

Prison Address

Box 477

Lyons

City

NY

State

14809

Zip Code

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing:

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address